

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has reviewed and considered the Office Action dated August 11, 2004. In response thereto, Figure 1 is amended; claims 1-2 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer; and claims 3-4 are added. Claims 3-4 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection. New claims 3-4 are submitted to overcome the rejections and replace claims 1 and 2. No new matters are introduced in the present application.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present application and a favorable response are respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues, please contact the undersigned at 612-752-7367.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is amended to label “Prior Art” in red. A markup sheet and a replacement sheet are attached.

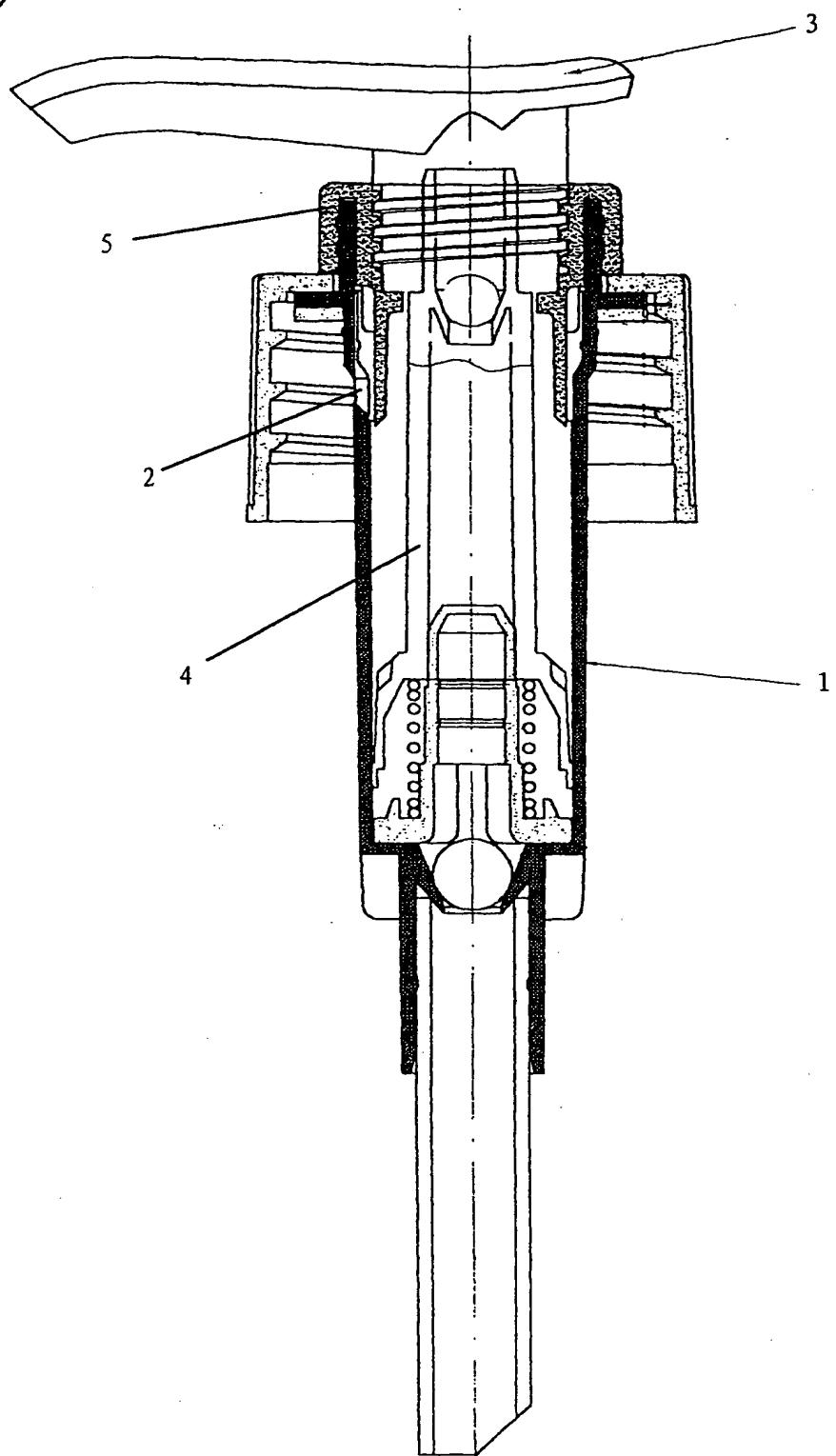


Fig. 1

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(Prior Art)